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DEPARTMENT STORE INVENTORY PRICE INDEXES—Sep. 2003

National basis, January 1941=100, unless otherwise noted

	Indexes			Percent change to Sep. 2003 from—	
	Sep. 2002	Mar. 2003	Sep. 2003	Sep. 2002	Mar. 2003
1. Piece Goods	484.6	458.9	482.6	-0.4	5.2
2. Domestics and Draperies	574.2	552.6	559.7	-2.5	1.3
3. Women's and Children's Shoes	658.0	642.6	651.9	-0.9	1.4
4. Men's Shoes	886.9	842.0	847.3	-4.5	0.6
5. Infants' Wear	618.5	600.3	611.8	-1.1	1.9
6. Women's Underwear	548.2	524.9	517.8	-5.5	-1.4
7. Women's Hosiery	343.2	341.2	355.5	3.6	4.2
8. Women's and Girls' Accessories	549.2	556.0	584.6	6.4	5.1
9. Women's Outerwear and Girls' Wear	385.7	380.1	377.3	-2.2	-0.7
10. Men's Clothing	561.1	570.0	542.3	-3.4	-4.9
11. Men's Furnishings	593.8	591.1	579.8	-2.4	-1.9
12. Boys' Clothing and Furnishings	446.2	470.9	448.2	0.4	-4.8
13. Jewelry	896.7	871.7	875.9	-2.3	0.5
14. Notions	809.1	797.1	788.2	-2.6	-1.1
15. Toilet Articles and Drugs	971.4	976.3	980.4	0.9	0.4
16. Furniture and Bedding	625.9	625.2	620.7	-0.8	-0.7
17. Floor Coverings	601.1	589.1	588.6	-2.1	-0.1
18. Housewares	748.9	734.0	717.2	-4.2	-2.3
19. Major Appliances	222.2	217.5	210.3	-5.4	-3.3
20. Radio and Television	47.7	46.6	44.7	-6.3	-4.1
21. Recreation and Education ¹	85.4	83.8	81.9	-4.1	-2.3
22. Home Improvements ¹	124.9	125.7	123.9	-0.8	-1.4
23. Automotive Accessories ¹	112.0	111.7	111.7	-0.3	0.0
1-15. Soft Goods	578.4	570.4	568.8	-1.7	-0.3
16-20. Durable Goods	407.9	400.8	391.4	-4.0	-2.3
21-23. Miscellaneous Goods ¹	96.0	95.0	93.5	-2.6	-1.6
Store Total ²	515.8	508.5	504.3	-2.2	-0.8

¹ Indexes on a January 1986=100 base.

² The Store Total index covers all departments, with the following exceptions: candy, food, liquor, tobacco, as well as contract departments.

NOTE: Indexes for previous periods and a brief description of the methods used in calculating the indexes may be obtained by contacting the Bureau of Labor Statistics at (202) 691-6968. The application of these indexes in the preparation of tax returns is solely within the jurisdiction of the Internal Revenue Service. Treasury Decision No. 5605 accords the use of the elective inventory method by taxpayers employing the retail inventory method.

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